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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF AMBASSADOR HERBERT J. SPIRO

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TO CHARGE FROM AMBASSADOR SPIRO

1. MY FAMILY AND I WILL BE ARRIVING AT DOUALA ON AUGUST 21 ON UTA 767 AT 1730 AND CONTINUING ON TO YAOUNDE THAT EVENING ON UY 754 AT 1900. I WOULD BE WILLING TO ADVANCE MY ARRIVAL TO AUGUST 20 IF DATE CHANGE MORE CONVENIENT IN TERMS OF MY PRESENTING CREDENTIALS.

2. DRAFT OF MY REMARKS HAVE ALREADY BEEN POUCHED TO YOU FOR EMBASSY COMMENT. DUE TO TIME FACTOR, HOWEVER,

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PROPOSED REMARKS. I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE.

A. QUOTE: MY COMMISSION AS AE&P EXPLICITLY STATES THAT IT WAS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE US OF A IN THE TWO HUNDREDTH YEAR OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE. AS THE UROFC  
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IS ABOUT TO CELEBRATE THE FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INDEPENDENCE, THE PEOPLE OF THE US HAVE BEGUN THEIR OBSERVANCE OF THE BICENTENARY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE FROM COLONIALISM, AN HISTORIC CELEBRATION, FOR WHICH MY PRESI-

DENT HAS INVITED PARTICIPATION BY THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

B. SOME NATIONS ARE BLESSED AT BIRTH WITH A WISE GENERATION OF LEADERS, WHO HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THEMSELVES AND THEIR OWN MOMENT IN HISTORY, AN UNDERSTANDING BASED UPON ACCEPTANCE OF THE GOOD AND REJECTION OF THE BAD IN THEIR PAST, AND AT THE SAME TIME DIRECTED TOWARD REALIZATION OF THEIR PEOPLE'S BOLDEST ASPIRATIONS FOR THE FUTURE. AMERICA WAS SO BLESSED IN 1776. I BELIEVE THAT CAMEROONIANS OF THIS GENERATION ARE SIMILARLY BLESSED.

C. THE AMERICAN FOUNDING FATHERS WERE THE PIONEERS OF THE AGE OF INDEPENDENCE. THEY STOOD AT ONE OF THOSE RARE AXIAL POINTS IN HISTORY, WHEN A CONSCIOUS DECISION CAN BE MADE BY MEN OF PURPOSE TO BRING DOWN THE CURTAIN ON ONE EPOCH AND TO SET THE SCENE FOR THE NEXT. IT IS TRUE THAT THE AGE OF DEPENDENCE COEXISTED WITH THE AGE OF INDEPENDENCE FOR ANOTHER TWO HUNDRED YEARS. IT IS TRUE ALSO THAT THE AUTHORS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE IN 1776 ALREADY ANTICIPATED THE EMERGENCE OVER THE HISTORICAL HORIZON OF WHAT PRESIDENT FORD HAS CALLED THE AGE OF INTERDEPENDENCE WHEN THEY SPOKE OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF A "DECENT RESPECT TO THE OPINIONS OF MANKIND."

D. MY COUNTRY IS, PERHAPS BECAUSE IT WAS THE FIRST TO

PROCLAIM ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM THE POLITICS OF THE OLD WORLD, MORE CONSCIOUS THAN MOST OF THE REALITIES, THE INHIBITIONS, AND THE OPPORTUNITIES OF GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE. OUR ANCESTORS, INDEED OUR COMPATRIOTS, CAME FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD AND OUR CULTURE DRAWS UPON ALL CULTURES. WE ARE ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREAT TRADING NATIONS AND HAVE BECOME ONE OF ITS MAJOR GRANARIES. OUR OWN HISTORY LENDS SYMPATHY TO OUR PERCEPTION OF THE EFFORTS OF OTHERS TO TRANSCEND DEPENDENCE, AS THEY MOVE TOWARD INDEPENDENCE AND, BEYOND IT, TOWARD THE PRODUCTIVE HARMONIOUSNESS OF GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE.

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NIUSNESS OF GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE.

E. THE GENERATION TO WHICH YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND I BELONG HAS, UNLIKE ITS PREDECESSORS, NOT HAD THE ADVANTAGE OF WITNESSING LEISURELY CHANGE. RATHER WE HAVE SEEN, AND IN SOME CASES PRESIDED OVER, GREAT TRANSFORMATIONS, THAT WOULD FORMERLY HAVE BEEN SPREAD OVER A HALF CENTURY OR MORE, COMPRESSED INTO A MATTER OF YEARS, ESPECIALLY IN AFRICA. CHANGE TODAY IS NOT ONLY MORE RAPID AND MORE RADICAL THAN IN THE PAST, BUT IT IS MADE MORE COMPLICATED BY THE PASSING AWAY OF ISOLATION. IN THE AGE OF INTERDEPENDENCE, WHAT ANYONE DOES AFFECTS ALL OTHERS,

WHETHER REMOTELY AND INDIRECTLY, OR SUBSTANTIALLY AND AT  
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